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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hirotaka NAKAGAWA et al.  
Serial No.: 10/828,286  
Filed: April 21, 2004  
For: METHOD, DEVICE AND PROGRAM FOR MANAGING  
VOLUME  
Group: 2186  
Examiner: Not yet assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 16, 2005

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.